

Extra Information

Bas Meeting

10-11-07

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E-mail Correspondence
In Reverse Chronological Order

John Murray

From: John Murray
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 1:23 PM
To: Charlie Kadlec; Dore' Hunter
Cc: Fire-EMS Advisory Steering Committee; bhumes@jharchitects.net; Lauren Rosenzweig; paulina@knibbe.com; Board of Selectmen; Finance Committee
Subject: RE: 10/5/07 Revised North Acton Fire/EMS Station building program

Charlie:

FYI

The subject of the revised North Acton Fire/EMS Space Needs Assessment will be discussed by the Board this evening. Chairman Hunter is not available to reply to your e-mail but has asked me to convey to his regrets and that he will respond tomorrow.

John

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From: Dore' Hunter
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2007 9:02 PM
To: Robert Evans; Charlie Kadlec; Manager Department
Cc: Finance Committee; Board of Selectmen
Subject: Re: Acton, design of the North Acton Fire Station

Bob,

I have said at least once, and I believe more often, in public meetings that the goal is to have a second ambulance by the time the proposed North Acton Fire/EMS station would be coming on line, therefore providing one ambulance in the North and the other in South and West. I am certain I made that statement during the recent presentation before the FinCom, but I believe you were absent that evening.

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To: Dore' Hunter
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what do you mean by my "critical comments" ?

Charlie

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Cc: Finance Committee; Board of Selectmen
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Charlie,

I agree with you. There is still public space and parking in the architect's latest material which I don't support, and until the cost issue is dealt with other parts still in the program may need to go.

Since it appears that the materials on rationale, etc. are to be written without approval of the language by our committee, I assume that it will clearly state that it comes from the Selectmen or Manager and not the Committee.

It would be nice to think that there would be a clear explanation as to why the Town's ambulance is to be moved away from most of the citizens, instead of going to the South or West station, a question I keep asking and to which I have never received a direct answer.

Bob E.

>From: Stolab <stomail@stolab.com>
>Date: 2007/10/10 Wed AM 08:47:48 CDT
>To: "Manager, Town" <manager@acton-ma.gov>
>Cc: "Board of Selectmen, Acton" <bos@town.acton.ma.us>,
"Finance Committee, Acton" <fincom@town.acton.ma.us>
>Subject: Acton, design of the North Acton Fire Station

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Dore',

this email request for members of the steering committee to approve the 10,500 square feet plan, albeit by default, violates the Open Meeting Law.

Charlie

DoreHunter@aol.com wrote:

Hi Folks, After tonight's Board of Selectmen's meeting the Temporary Manager and I looked ahead to what has to be done in order to write up for printing materials for the 13 November State of the Town Meeting. We intend to set forth the rationale for the proposed new North Acton Fire/EMS Station in the State of the Town Meeting material and counting back I realized that to do so we have to get the architect working very quickly on his new diagrammatic conceptual floor plan, based on his last revised building program, the one that is now at approximately 10,500 square feet. I have attached to this message the revised, 5 October building program document, which shows the original space allocations, and the revised spare allocation totally approximately the 10,500 square feet mentioned. We must get moving on this. If any member of the Steering Committee has serious objections to this reduced space allocation please immediately inform John Murray. Otherwise, shortly before the close of business tomorrow, he will of necessity ask the architect to proceed with a new floor layout plan so we will have it in time to print in the State of the Town booklet which will be sent out to the citizens. Regards,
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